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A Penny for your Thoughts

With the World Series coming up soon, the Pennies reporter asked baseball fans at random, "What you you think of the Dodgers chances for the 1960 pennant?"

Answering were: Ernest Williams, 1644 W. 218th St., student at White Jr. High:

"I think they have a good chance of winning the pennant for 1960. I just know they will because they are a good team. They might be a little behind, but they will win enough games in the stretch to take the pennant."

Harry Licht, 1513 W. 228th St., retired machinist:

"I follow them fairly close on TV and radio, and in the papers, and am a little disappointed in them this year. They're not as good a team as they were last year. I'd sure like to see them win the pennant and I do think they have a good chance if they don't drop back any."

Mary Johnston, 2218 Cabrillo, Apt. A, unemployed:

"I'm from Brooklyn originally, so naturally I am a Dodger fan and I think, without a doubt, they'll get the pennant again this year. I think they are a real good team and will always come through on top."

Charles Michael Hestwood, 3305 Onrado, 6th grade student at Madronna:

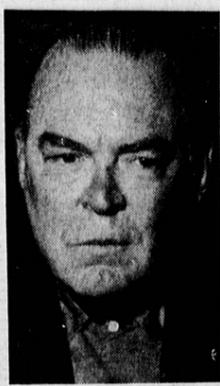
"I don't think they will make it again this year because they are slacking off. They're not getting the best out of their players and they're not hitting as well as they might. They might have a chance to get the pennant but it's a small one, and they'll really have to work a lot harder than they have been, to make it."

Hubert Bowen, 17904 Crenshaw, retired:

"I don't think they have much of a chance this year. I'm terribly disappointed in them. They just aren't on their toes all the time. They make too many boners and don't take advantage of the boners the other team makes. In my estimation, it's just poor playing all the way through."

Exploding Tank Hospitalizes Two

An exploding tank at the Kentile Corp. plant at 2929 California St., Friday injured two men, according to Torrance police. Willard Cook of Gardena and Willie Brown of Long Beach were hospitalized with third degree burns after the accident.



LAWRENCE KENT
... censorship

Challenge Of Africa Outlined

Running a motion picture theater circuit in South Africa has more censor problems than those of the Eric Johnston office in Hollywood, according to Lawrence R. Kent, father of Mrs. James Miller, of 4820 Milne Ave., with whom he is visiting.

Actually, Kent does this job from the London offices of 20th Century-Fox, but makes extended trips to Portuguese Africa, the Rodhesias and Kenya, all in the territory of the Union of South Africa. In his 17th year of overseas duty, Kent and his wife, Ann, who formerly was with the film division of the American Embassy in London, are on a semi-annual holiday in the States and will attend business conferences with Fox officials in New York before returning to England.

As the people of South Africa are divided into three classes, Europeans (all white people), Non Europeans (Chinese, Malays, Indians, Philipinos, and Japanese) and Blacks (all Negroes), the problems of censorship are three-fold because each class has its own laws, Kent said.

Kent pointed out that due to definite segregation all American and European motion pictures must be screened under censorship rules for each class and African language dubbed in for Dutch-English speaking audiences.

Officials Take Petition to Sacramento

Efforts of the County Board of Supervisors to forestall annexation of the huge Alondra Park by any of the adjacent cities has apparently met with failure as the fledgling city of Lawndale this week filed an annexation petition with Secretary of State Frank Jordan in Sacramento.

Filing of the petition, following adoption by the Lawndale City Council, was done by City Administrator Edward Gerraro and City Attorney Graham Ritchie, it was disclosed after their return from a fast trip to Sacramento.

THE SUPERVISORS earlier had adopted a firm policy of opposing annexation of any of the huge regional county parks to adjacent cities, and the city of Torrance has instructed City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer to oppose annexation of the park to Lawndale just hours before the two Lawndale officials flew to Sacramento with the petition.

Hints that the Supervisors would seek a court order prohibiting the annexation were apparently quashed by the fast action on the part of the Lawndale officials.

WHAT THE official reaction of the Board of Supervisors is to be will probably be determined at their meeting Tuesday.

Invite Public To Tour New Magnavox

The Magnavox Company has issued an invitation to the public to tour the new Magnavox Research Laboratories at 2829 Maricopa Ave., today.

The tours of the modern research facility will be conducted between 2 and 5 p.m. this afternoon by plant officials.

The laboratories are part of the Military and Industrial Division of the Magnavox Co. Their work is primarily research and development on communications, radar, anti-submarine, navigational, and data processing equipment.

They are expected to go to court on the case in an attempt to regain jurisdiction over the park.

Torrance also had sought to annex the park area to serve as a bridge to the residential and commercial areas north of the park and El Camino College, which some city councilmen have sought to annex.

The city's case was turned down in court, however, when the judge ruled that Torrance had not followed the proper procedure in its annexation attempt.

Two Students Awarded Cal Scholarships

The University of California, Berkeley, Committee on Undergraduate Scholarships (today announced that two Torrance students had been awarded University scholarships for the academic year 1960-61.

The students are Charlene MacLachlan, 3324 W. 182nd St., and Jerry Reynolds, 22302 Redbeam Ave.

Miss MacLachlan attended El Camino College this past year and will enter the University in the fall. Reynolds completed his first year at the University in June. Both are 1959 graduates of North High School where they were active in student body activities.

The scholarships, worth, on the average, \$400, are part of a program of awards made possible through gifts to the University, grants by the Regents, and the California Alumni Association. They are awarded on the basis of academic achievement, need and promise, or special conditions stipulated by the donor.



HE'LL GET 'EM UP . . . Barry Siedler, 9, practices bugling for a mountain camping trip planned Aug. 20-27 by the Torrance Recreation Dept. Barry hopes to be appointed camp bugler for the nearly 100 youngsters who will go on the outing to Camp Clatava near Big Bear Lake. Registrations will be taken through Wednesday.

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Leaders Say Land Values Not Factual

The government's contention that there is property available to the school district at lesser cost than the 26-acre site declared surplus to the needs of the Torrance Navy Annex is based on inaccurate and untrue information, city and school leaders charged this week.

Texts of letters sent by Dr. J. H. Hull as superintendent of schools, William C. Boswell, school board president, and Mayor Albert Isen mere made public this week, and each charges that the decision to deny the school district's application for the land was based on false reports.

REPLYING TO the statement that there is other property available in the area at lesser cost, President Boswell wrote:

"This is an obviously incorrect statement as there is no land in Torrance that we know of that is available for less than \$25,000 or more an acre."

BOSWELL TOLD Franklin Floete, administrator of the General Services Administration, that "we are going to take it up with other governmental officials and go to the President, if necessary, with it."

Mayor Isen reminded Floete that the city council had voted to support the school district's application for the land and said the GSA denial "was no doubt based on information which is inaccurate pertaining to the availability of land in this community."

"WE FAIL to see how the national interest could be any better served than by making this property available to the Torrance Unified School District at an educational discount," Isen wrote.

Specific figures were used by Dr. Hull in his letter to Floete, in refuting the cost of land in the area.

"WE ARE NOW in the process of attempting to purchase residential undeveloped property which is below the water line and requires fill in a drainage basin," he wrote.

"These two sites are to be used for elementary schools. The asking price is \$35,000 an acre," he said.

"THE INFORMATION given you by the contract appraiser is completely inaccurate and untrue and seems to have led to the erroneous decision that the greatest national benefit would be derived by offering that property for sale," Hull's letter added.

Copies of the strongly worded letters to Floete were sent to Congressmen, Senators, Vice President Nixon, Cabinet officers, and other government officials.

GOP Leaders Call Tuesday Conclave

An organization meeting for Torrance Republican Club members and volunteers who want to work in the election campaign this fall has been called for 8 p.m. Tuesday at the local GOP headquarters, 1406 Cravens Ave., President Tom Brewer announced yesterday.

"Our response to a call for volunteers has been great," Brewer said.

Board Puts Final Stamp On \$11.6 Million Budget

An 11.6 million dollar budget for 1960-61 received approval of the Torrance Board of Education at its annual budget hearing Tuesday night. The new budget probably will mean an increase of about 10 cents on the local school tax rate, officials said.

The budget was the same as presented two weeks ago for consideration. About 85 per cent of funds go for salaries and some 70 per cent of the funds go directly for instructional expenses.

ALTHOUGH official figures have not been received, indications are that the new tax rate will be about \$3.59 per \$100 assessed valuation, Assistant Supt. S. E. Waldrip said. This is an increase of about 10 cents. Final figures

might be a little higher or lower, he indicated, depending on bond rates.

Since the district has reached the legal ceiling of its tax capacities for instructional purposes, the overall increase was due to collection of a 10-cent community service tax for the first time. The law allows collection of this money to cover costs incurred when other community groups use school facilities.

Officials described the budget as "skin tight." Superintendent J. H. Hull pointed out that reserves were cut to about 1/2 per cent, compared with a recommended figure of 10 per cent.

A BREAKDOWN of expenses indicated that the money would be spent as follows:

Instruction, 69.3 per cent; school operations, 10.6 per cent; fixed charges (employee retirement contributions), 4.7 per cent; administration, 3.8 per cent; school maintenance, 3.4 per cent; capital outlay, 2.5 per cent; auxiliary services, 2.4 per cent; transportation, 1.9 per cent; community services, .7 per cent; reserves, .4 per cent; and food services, .3 per cent.

For Local Schools

District Names Three Principals

A new curriculum consultant, three new principals, and three vice principals were named by action of the Torrance Board of Education Tuesday night. Taking over new post this fall will be:

Donald K. Duncan, Riviera Elementary principal, who will become a curriculum consultant filling a post left vacant by the death of Dr. W. Craig Thomas.

Roy J. Adamson, former Madrona teacher, will become Riviera principal; Richard Groshong, Paramount vice principal, will become principal of the new Towers School; and Philip Korman, summer principal at Lincoln, moves to Anza Elementary School replacing Carl Shaner who resigned recently.

New vice principals will be Mrs. Ellen B. Booz, Seaside; Ernest E. Thom, Jr., Fern-Greenwood, and William E.

Leahy, Riviera. Backgrounds of the new administrators are:

DUNCAN — 33 years old, he has served the last four years as principal at Riviera. He is a former principal and vice principal of Carr School, and he taught in the Los Angeles system prior to coming to Torrance. Duncan was graduated from San Pedro High School, Compton College and the University of Southern California. The new principal is a navy veteran and has two children. He and his family reside at 1731 Mira Costa San Pedro.

ADAMSON — A former Madrona teacher for the last three years, Adamson is 43 He is a former real estate man and got his teaching credential after serving on the Hawthorne Board of Education He

is an Air Force vet and lives with his wife at 210 Manor Dr., Hawthorne.

GROSHONG — Served as director of the downtown Los Angeles YMCA for five years. He is a former teacher and vice principal at Paramount. Graduated from Chapman College and USC, he and his wife live with their two children at Bellflower.

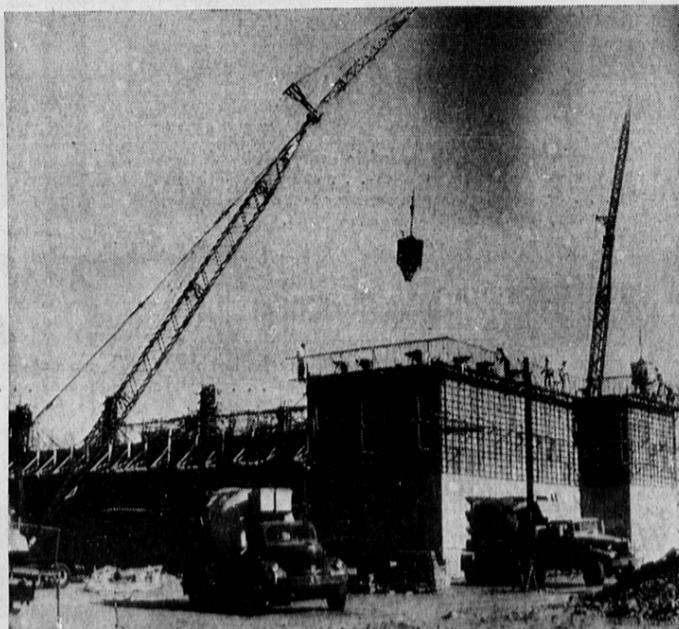
KORMAN — has served as summer principal at Lincoln. He is a former vice principal of Meadow Park and Fern-Greenwood Schools. He has also taught at Steel and in Chicago. An Air Force veteran he holds a B.A. and M.A. from Northwestern University. He and his wife live at 22622 Hickory, Torrance, with their two children.

MRS. BOOZ — is a former

teacher at North High and Sepulveda and Riviera schools. She spent last year on leave while she studied reading techniques. A graduate of Carthage College and Chicago Teachers' College, she holds a master's degree from USC. She is married and has one daughter. The family resides in Rolling Hills.

THOM — Taught at Hillside until his new assignment. A Navy veteran, he graduated from El Camino College and USC. He is married and lives in San Pedro.

LEAHY — served as summer principal at Yukon School. He was acting vice principal at Leland St. School, San Pedro. He holds a master's degree from USC. An Air Force veteran, he lives with his wife and two children at 1903 Santa Rena Dr., San Pedro.



PROGRESS REPORT . . . Construction crews are pictured pouring concrete in forms as first unit of multi-million dollar Harbor General Hospital takes shape. This facility will house central heating and refrigeration along with laundry installation. Ground-breaking for the new hospital, located at Carson and Vermont, was held July 25. (Herald Photo)